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Grotius — Annuaire International Pour 1915. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff. pp. 200

This little volume opens with a review, interesting from a banking standpoint, of "The Netherlands Bank and the War," followed by an *Aperçu de Faits Internationaux Juridiques.* The latter covers the period from February 15, 1914 to September 1, 1915, condensed within the limits of twenty-three pages and, therefore, of necessity not comprehensive in any satisfactory meaning of the term. There follow comments upon Netherland's jurisprudence, a list of the members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and, seeming like an echo from a forgotten past, the fourteenth sentence of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the matter of the dispute between Holland and Portugal. In addition there is contained a summary of treaties between The Netherlands and foreign countries touching questions of arbitration and other information relative to permanent international treaties, having a certain referential value. The book concludes with a bibliography for the years 1914–1915 upon the subject of public international law.

The work described has, as may be inferred, greater value in Holland than elsewhere.

Diplomatic Documents relating to the Outbreak of the European War. Publication of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Division of International Law. Edited with an introduction by James Brown Scott, Director. New York: Oxford University Press, American Branch. 1916. 2 vols., pp. lxxxi, xcii, 1516. $7.50.

A reprint in two volumes of the official English translations of the two "Red Books" issued by Austria-Hungary, the two "Gray Books" issued by Belgium, the French "Yellow Book," the German "White Book," the Italian "Green Book," the two Russian "Orange Books," the Serbian "Blue Book," and the official text of the two British "Blue Books." Each volume is preceded by a table of contents which lists and summarizes every paper and document printed therein, and at the end of the second volume there is an analytical index digest, which, in addition to ordinary index purposes, will be found most useful in tracing the attitudes of the several countries upon important points in

the negotiations which ended in the outbreak of war. Another useful feature of the work is a list of all important personages who are mentioned in or who took part in the correspondence, showing their official positions at the time.

The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907. Publication of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Division of International Law. Edited by James Brown Scott, Director. New York: Oxford University Press, American Branch. 1915. pp. xxx, 303. $2.00.

This volume contains the official English translations of the conventions signed at and the declarations adopted by the two Hague Conferences, printed in parallel columns where each Conference adopted a convention on the same subject. They are accompanied by tables of signatures, ratifications and adhesions of the various Powers, the accuracy of which is vouched for by the Department of State of the United States, and the official depository of the acts of ratification and adhesion — The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The book also contains English translations of the complete texts of the reservations to the various conventions made during the course of the Conferences by the different Powers. A copious index-digest, covering 37 pages, adds materially to the usefulness of the volume.

This useful volume has also been published in Spanish.

The Freedom of the Seas. By Hugo Grotius. Publication of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Division of International Law. New York: Oxford University Press, American Branch. 1916. pp. xv, 83. $2.00.

An English translation of the *Mare Liberum* of the "father of international law," accompanied on parallel pages by a revision of the Latin text of 1633. Translation and revision by Dr. Ralph Van Deman Magoffin, Associate Professor of Greek and Roman History in The Johns Hopkins University. Edited with an introductory note by James Brown Scott, Director.

An Essay on a Congress of Nations for the Adjustment of International Disputes without Resort to Arms. By William Ladd. Publication of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Division of